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1. SUMMARY. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PREPONDERANT SUPPLIER OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. MOST OF THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES' MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS U.S. MANUFACTURED, AND THIRD-COUNTRY SUPPLIERS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAVE LONG BEEN AT A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF UNFAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES BY THIRD COUNTRIES OR GOT REGARDING SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. AS RESULT OF CURRENT U.S. ARMS EMBARGO, TURKEY IS EXPECTED TO TURN INCREASINGLY TO THIRD COUNTRIES FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLIES. PURCHASES FROM OR GRANTS BY U.S. ALLIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO TURKEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INIMICAL TO U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES BUT WOULD ON CONTRARY SERVE THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. AGREEMENTS FOR THIRD-COUNTRY, FREE-WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING GOT PURCHASES) TO TURKEY FROM 1954 TO
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MID-1974 TOTALLED \$464.7 MILLION. MILITARY ASSISTANCE DELIVERIES

FROM THIRD COUNTRIES FOR SAME PERIOD ARE ESTIMATED AT \$281.6 MILLION (INCLUDING PURCHASES). WEST GERMANY AND CANADA PROVIDE BULK OF ASSISTANCE, 51.4 PERCENT AND 28.7. PERCENT RESPECTIVELY, WITH MOST OF REMAINDER COMING FROM U.K. AND ITALY. OF THE ESTIMATED \$281.6 MILLION OF EQUIPMENT DELIVERED, \$226.4 MILLION ARRIVED PRIOR TO 1971. SINCE 1971 GERMANY HAS PROVIDED ABOUT 98 PERCENT OF ALL NON-U.S., FREE-WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. GERMAN ASSISTANCE, SUSPENDED IN JULY 1974 AS RESULT OF CYPRUS SITUATION, HAS RECENTLY BEEN RESUMED.

3. WE DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE DETAILED INFORMATION ON AGREEMENTS AND DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM THIRD COUNTRIES PRIOR TO 1971. IN 1970 GERMANY DELIVERED THREE JAGUAR CLASS FAST PATROL BOATS (ONE AS GRANT AID, TWO PURCHASED BY GOT). SOME EQUIPMENT FOR MANUFACTURE OF G-3 RIFLES AND MG-3 MACHINE GUNS WAS ALSO DELIVERED.

4. IN 1971 GERMANY DELIVERED \$24.3 MILLION OF EQUIPMENT (EIGHT C-160 TRANSALL CARGO AIRCRAFT AND AN ESTIMATED FIVE DO-29 DORNIER TWIN ENGINE SUPPORT AIRCRAFT)

5. IN 1972 GERMANY AGREED TO PROVIDE \$55.3 MILLION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE, THE U.K. \$1.6 MILLION AND NORWAY \$1.6 MILLION. THERE WAS \$30.0 MILLION OF DELIVERIES IN 1972, ALL FROM GERMANY (TWELVE C-160 TRANSALLS AND ONE LIGHT CARGO SHIP(AKIL). TURKEY CONTRACTED WITH FRANCE FOR PURCHASE OF AS-11 AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES. A PARTIAL DELIVERY WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN SEPTEMBER 1972.

6. IN 1973 GERMANY AGREED TO PROVIDE \$72 MILLION AND ITALY \$42 MILLION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF DELIVERIES FROM THOSE COUNTRIES IN 1973 BUT SUSPECT THAT THERE WERE SOME. TURKEY DID PURCHASE AND RECEIVE TWENTY OLD T-33 TRAINER AIRCRAFT, VALUED AT \$200,000 FROM CANADA.

7. IN 1974 BELGIUM AGREED TO PROVIDE \$0.7 MILLION AND ITALY \$11.2 MILLION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. BELGIUM DELIVERED AGREED AMOUNT (TEN 155MM HOWITZERS, M-114). GERMAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY FOR 1974 WAS SET AT 100 MILLION DM OVER EIGHTEEN MONTHS. MOST OF 1974 ASSISTANCE SLICE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR CONTINUING PAYMENTS FOR TRANSALL CARGO AIRCRAFT AND COBRA ANTI-TANK MISSILES (INFORMATION ON COBRAS IS UNCONFIRMED), FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A TANK REPAIR FACILITY AND TWO SUBMARINES, AND FOR TRAINING, LOGISTICS, AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT. GERMANY AGREED TO RESUME DELIVERIES FOR 1974 PROGRAMS IN MARCH 1975. DELIVERIES HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET STARTED BUT WILL PROBABLY BE SPEEDED UP.

8. ALSO IN 1974 ITALY AND GOT REACHED AGREEMENT ON ITALIAN SALE TO TURKEY OF TWO SQUADRONS OF LOCKHEED F-104'S AIRCRAFT BEING MANUFACTURED IN ITALY UNDER LICNESE. DELIVERY OF FIRST SQUADRON IS ALMOST COMPLETE; SECOND DQUADRON EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED IN LATE 1975. GERMANY AND TURKEY HAVE AGREED ON AN EIGHTH TRANCHE OF GERMAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH REPORTEDLY INCLUDES LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR TRANSALL AIRCRAFT, CONTINUATION OF SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, AND COMPLETION OF THE TANK REPAIR FACILITY.

9. INFORMATION WE HAVE ALSO INDICATES FUTURE DELIVERY OF FOUR COASTAL SUMBARINES, FOUR GUIDED MISSILE FAST PATROL BOATS AND THREE AB204 HELICOPTERS FROM GERMANY IN PERIOD 1975-1977 AND DELIVERY OF PENGUIN MISSILES FROM NORWAY. (TGS TELLS US LATTER FALL UNDERCONGRESSIONAL EXPORT RESTRICTIONS). THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN JAGUAR PATROL CRAFT WITH ASSOCIATED PENGUIN MISSILE SYSTEMS. NINE CRAFT ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN TURKEY.

10. OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT IN TURKISH ARMY INVENTORY, ONLY THREE PERCENT IS FROM NON-U.S. SOURCES. MOST OF IT IS OBSOLETE AND DOES NOT RPT NOT MEET TURKISH ARMY MODERNIZATION GOALS. TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF) HAS PREDONINANTLY U.S. AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT DELIVERED FROM THIRD COUNTRIES TO TAF WERE PRIMARILY OF U.S. MANUFACTURE BUT HAVE REACHED, OR SOON WILL, END OF USEFUL SERVICE. THIRD-COUNTRY ASSISTANCE TO TURKISH NAVY HAS BEEN MEAGER, BUT HAS MET SPECIFIC NEEDS AND IS CONSISTENT WITH TURKISH NAVY FORCE OBJECTIVES.

11 BECAUSE INVENTORY OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES IS PREPONDERANTLY U.S. MANUFACTURED, THIRD COUNTRIES SUPPLYING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO TURKEY HAVE GENERALLY BEEN AT A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF COMPETITIVE PRACTICES BY THIRD COUNTRIES OR GOT INIMICAL TO U.S. INTERESTS. AS RESULT OF CURRENT
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